

Freedom of Information Act

Under the "Freedom of Information Act," the Division provides non-protected information to individuals, groups, and agencies. The Division has ten days in which to respond to any such request; however, in many cases this information can be obtained immediately at the service counter. In cases where servicing the request takes longer, the information is provided as soon as it is available.

Lost & Found

The Evidence and Property Officer safeguards all lost, found, stolen, or recovered property until it can be returned to its rightful owner. If you have property to be returned, please call 617-730-2252, and an officer will assist you. This unit is open Monday Thru Friday 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Technology and Communication

The Technology and Communications Unit of the Records and Service Division ensures that all telephone calls and all radio transmissions are recorded twenty-four hours a day and are kept available for public review for a minimum of sixty days. The keeping of these recordings, ensures that any complaints made about improper police service or improper handling of a police call, can first be investigated by examining the original communication that the department received. Oftentimes, the availability of this information helps to resolve the complaint. If you are seeking this type of information, first come to the service window of the Records and Service Division and we will, if available, provide the information you have requested.

Arrest Records

Our Division, also maintains all arrest video booking tapes for three years. This allows defendant's accused of Operating Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor, and other related crimes, to gain access to the booking process, which often will show the condition of a defendant at his/her time of arrest and also will show any field sobriety tests that were taken. The Division also maintains all cell block video tapes and all outside perimeter video tapes, for a period of ninety days. In order to obtain any of the aforementioned video tapes, a request can be made at the counter of the Records and Service Division. If the person requesting a copy of the video tape is authorized to receive such a copy, then within approximately two days a copy will be made available. There is a cost of \$25.00 to view one of these tapes and a cost \$50.00 to purchase one of these tapes.

Fiscal Year Budget

The Captain of the Records and Service Division prepares the Department's Fiscal Year Budget, which is a matter of public record and available to the public. There is usually a copy available for immediate public viewing at the Division's service desk.

Federal and State Grants

The Captain of the Records and Service Division writes almost all of the Federal and State Grants, which are public records and are available to the public for viewing.

Criminal Offender Record Information

Finally, we also provide C.O.R.I. (Criminal Offender Record Information) to those agencies that are approved to receive such information.

Contact The Records Division

Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.,
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

If you are unable to come personally to the Brookline Police Station for any of the information or materials described above, then call us and we will review your request.

(617) 730-2225

If it is more convenient, you can write us at:

The Brookline Police Department
Attention: Records and Service Division
350 Washington Street
Brookline, Massachusetts 02445